

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE GREATER SOUTH RIVER CITY COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) In 1979, the City Council adopted the "Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan."
- (B) Article X, Section 5 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt by ordinance additional elements of a comprehensive plan that are necessary or desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans.
- (C) In November, 2003, an initial survey was distributed to residents in the neighborhood planning area, and subsequent meetings were held with the City of Austin Neighborhood planning staff and homeowners, renters, business owners, non-profit organizations and non-resident property owners to prepare a neighborhood plan. The Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan followed a process first outlined by the Citizens' Planning Committee in 1993, and refined by the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Planning Committee in 1996. The City Council endorsed this approach for neighborhood planning in a 1997 resolution. This process mandated representation of all of the stakeholders in the neighborhood and required active public outreach. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to consider the plan in a 2003 resolution. During the planning process, the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood planning team gathered information and solicited public input through the following means:

- (1) neighborhood planning team meetings;
- (2) collection of existing data;
- (3) neighborhood inventory;
- (4) neighborhood survey;
- (5) neighborhood workshops; and

1 (6) community-wide meetings.

2 (D) The Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan recommends
3 action by the neighborhood planning team, the City, and by other agencies to
4 preserve and improve the neighborhood. The Greater South River City
5 Combined Neighborhood Plan has eight major goals:

6 (1) maintain the historic fabric and respect the established neighborhood
7 character and natural assets;

8 (2) identify and develop criteria for the interface between residences and
9 commercial development;

10 (3) identify and develop criteria for density that result in a net benefit to
11 the neighborhood;

12 (4) enhance the transportation network to allow residents to walk, bike,
13 roll, ride, and drive safely;

14 (5) protect and enhance creeks, greenbelts and watershed systems;

15 (6) preserve and enhance the natural beauty, open spaces, and air quality
16 of the neighborhood;

17 (7) improve safety and reduce crime;

18 (8) foster a locale where each person has the greatest possible opportunity
19 to pursue individual, family and community goals—whether
20 academic, economic, cultural, artistic, athletic, recreational, or
21 spiritual.

22 (E) The Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan goals include
23 more focused objectives. In turn, each of these objectives is supported by
24 specific action items. These action items are the key recommendations of
25 the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan.

26 (F) On September 13, 2005, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on
27 the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan, and
28 recommended adoption of the plan by the City Council.

29 (G) The Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan is appropriate
30 for adoption as an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.
31 The Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan furthers the
32 City Council's goal of achieving appropriate, compatible development
33 within the area. The Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood

1 Plan is necessary and desirable to establish and implement policies for
2 growth, development, and beautification in the area.

3 **PART 2. ADOPTION AND DIRECTION.**

- 4 (A) Chapter 5 of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is amended to add
5 the Greater South River City Combined Neighborhood Plan as Section 5-22
6 of the Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, which
7 is incorporated as part of this ordinance.
- 8 (B) The city manager shall prepare zoning cases consistent with the land use
9 recommendations in the Plan.
- 10 (C) The city manager shall provide periodic updates to the City Council on the
11 status of the implementation of the Greater South River City Combined
12 Neighborhood Plan.
- 13 (D) The specific provisions of the Greater South River City Combined
14 Neighborhood Plan take precedence over any conflicting general provision
15 in the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

16 **PART 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2005.

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20 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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26 Will Wynn
27 Mayor

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29 **APPROVED:** _____
30 David Allan Smith
31 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk